

TURKS' ARTILLERY

Have Given Them the Advantage Over Their Foes.

THE FIGHT AT MALOUNA PASS

Decided by the Precision of the Turkish Gunners.

A STRONG RESISTANCE MADE

By the Doughty Greeks, and Their Valor is Commendable--Greeks Capture and Burn Damasi--Greek Minister Leaves Constantinople--Turks Made Seven Assaults on Reveni, and were Repulsed in Each Instance--The Turks Shelling Tyrnovo.

ATHENS, April 20.--The news of the capture of Damasi puts a new complexion upon the situation on the frontier, it is a great encouragement to the government and is likely to have the most exhilarating effect upon the spirits of the Greeks, who had been greatly depressed by the reverses of their troops at Milouna Pass. This success and the fact that the fall of Preveza seems imminent virtually offsets the calamity at Milouna. If the Greek divisions effect a union at Damasi as is expected, there is almost nothing in the way of their prompt advance to Ellassona.

As Tyrnovo falls into the hands of Edhem Pasha and the Turkish troops sweep down upon the plain and advance to Larissa to meet the force concentrated there under the Crown Prince, they will be between two grand divisions of the Greek army. This seems to have been the object of Greek strategy.

Should the Greeks succeed in reducing the forts at Preveza, as now seems probable, and in occupying the town with the large land force co-operating with the bombarding warships, the road to Janina would be open and the Turkish troops in Epirus placed at the most serious disadvantage. The Turkish division in the hands of the Turks it makes possible a steady line of munitions and food supplies. With Preveza in the hands of the Greeks this line would be promptly cut, and it would be practically impossible to re-victual the Turkish troops by the long land route through Macedonia. On the other hand, the Greek troops could be re-victualled by sea.

It is stated here in well-informed circles that the Eastern squadron of the Greek fleet, which will shortly be reinforced by their own fleet, is planning an important movement. This is probably directed against Salonica. Taking a general survey of the field to-night (midnight) the fortunes of war thus far are pretty evenly divided, but the chances for the immediate future are decidedly in favor of the Greeks.

1 a. m.--The report of the capture of Damasi by the Greeks under General Smolentis is confirmed by official dispatches. Official dispatches report also that further heavy breaches have been made in the Turkish forts at Preveza. The bombardment ceased at nightfall, but will be resumed this morning (Wednesday).

ATHENS, April 20.--(Midnight.) News has just reached here that the Greeks, after a desperate battle, have captured and burned Damasi, Viglia is still resisting. Another division of the Greek troops, it is reported, has traversed the Reveni Pass and captured three block houses. This division has almost reached Damasi, where it will effect a union with the force that captured the town of the 20,000 troops, the Greek troops in the Reveni Pass are reported to have been repulsed by the Greeks.

Crown Prince Constantine has telegraphed here that the Turks at that point were completely and finally repulsed. In Athens greater attention has been paid to the operations in the neighborhood of Reveni than to those at Milouna Pass. The theory all along has been that if the Greeks could establish themselves at Damasi, their road would lie open to Ellassona.

The exact situation at Tyrnovo is somewhat in doubt. The news from that point is conflicting. But there is no confirmation of the rumor that the place has been captured by the Turks. What seems to have happened is that Tyrnovo was evacuated in order to send troops forward to Reveni and was then re-occupied by troops returning from Milouna.

GREEK REPORTS

Show Turkish Reverses--Losses Heavy on Both Sides.

ATHENS, April 20.--Fighting between the Greeks and Turks was resumed this morning at Reveni, not far from Tyrnovo, southwest of Larissa. The Turks are attacking in still greater force than yesterday, but the Greeks are making a stubborn resistance.

There was renewed fighting between the Turks and Greeks in the Milouna Pass yesterday, and it was of the most severe description. The firing ceased 5 o'clock yesterday evening. The total Greek loss in the various engagements in the pass is estimated here at 1,600 killed and wounded. Over 200 wounded soldiers and officers of the Greek army have arrived at Larissa, Tyrnovo and Volo.

The losses of the Turks are declared to be much greater than those of the Greeks. Prince Constantine has returned to Larissa from Kritzovall, where he witnessed some severe fighting. The Greek reverse at that place was due to the fact that General Mastropas, who is in command of the Greek artillery, misunderstood Prince Constantine's orders, and ordered a retreat of the Greek forces. The Turks thereupon advanced and soon occupied Kritzovall, pursuing the retreating Greeks, killing a few and wounding 200 of them.

Gen. Mastropas's brigade later rallied and made a stand. In the meantime Prince Constantine hurried reinforcements forward to the assistance of Gen. Mastropas and Gen. Smolentis, formerly Greek minister of war, succeeded in forcing the enemy back. Prince Constantine has severely censured Gen. Mastropas for his blunder.

A dispatch from Cairo, Egypt, says that at the request of the Turkish government the Egyptian government has handed the Greek diplomatic agent, M. J.

Gryparis, his passports, and has ordered all Greeks to leave Egypt within a fortnight.

It is reported here that a Greek force, which was trying to bridge the river Arachthos, on the frontier of Epirus, has been driven off by the Turks. It is further stated that the Turks have advanced upon Arachthos and have been bombarding the place since 5 o'clock yesterday evening.

Sharp fighting between the Greeks and Turks is proceeding on the frontier of Epirus. The bombardment of Preveza, the Turkish position at the entrance of the Gulf of Arta, was resumed at 9 o'clock this morning by the Greek forces on land and sea. It is reported the town will be reduced to ashes in the course of a few days.

The Greek squadron left the Piræens under sealed orders. Several merchantmen have been hastily armed and detachments of Greek troops have been hurried on board of them. The Athenian ladies, under the patronage of the queen, have converted the steamer Thessaly into a floating hospital. Three hundred beds for the wounded have been fitted on board of the steamer and she is now proceeding to Volo.

It was announced this evening that the Greeks have recaptured Kritzovall. Col. Manos, in command of the Greek forces of the frontier of Epirus has telegraphed to the government here that the Turks have bombarded the military hospital at Arta, although the red cross flag was hoisted over it.

An official dispatch from Arta says that after crossing the Arachthos at Bani, the Greeks, in the night, had captured the Turkish positions at Sakhkhalama, where they strongly entrenched themselves. Colonel Manos is now advancing northward in the direction of Paraskovi. The Greeks repulsed an attempt of the Turks to cross the bridge at 5 o'clock this morning. A number of Greeks, among them several officers, were killed and others were wounded.

SEVERAL VICTORIES

Claimed by the Turkish Commander-in-Chief--A Second Squadron.

CONSTANTINOPLE, April 20.--Edhem Pasha has wired the sultan that he gained several notable victories yesterday, occupying all the fortified positions commanding Tyrnovo. He reports that the Greeks evacuated their entrenched camp, leaving behind thirty cases of cartridges and many rifles. The Turks, he says, have taken Vellitako, which the Greeks surprised and captured on the first day of frontier aggression.

The Turkish commander at Janina announces that the Greek fleet which has been bombarding Preveza, has been compelled to retire, one division withdrawing to the interior of the gulf and the larger ironclads outside sailing to the islands of Paxos and Santa Laura. An official telegram from Zanthi announces that the Greeks who landed at Eleuthorpoli and reached Gojrat, near the railway, were attacked and defeated by Turkish troops and peasants and that one hundred Greeks were killed.

A second Turkish squadron left the Golden Horn this afternoon for the Dardanelles. It consists of the ironclad Orhan, the monitor Hifairahman, the corvette Mansoura, five torpedo boats and four steamers, which have been converted into cruisers.

Prince Maurocordato, the Greek minister to Turkey, has sailed for Athens. All the ambassadors except the German ambassador went to the quay to bid him farewell.

TURKISH ARTILLERY

Lends Valuable Aid to the Troops of the Sultan.

(Copyright, 1897, by the Associated Press.) SUMMIT OF THE MILOUNA PASS, Monday Morning, April 19.--The Turkish victory of yesterday in the Milouna Pass was complete. The Greeks retired to the plain of Thessaly, leaving only a rear guard on a hill, from which it was driven later by four battalions of Turkish infantry.

The Turks pulled up to the top of the hill three mountain batteries, singing, laughing and weeping with joy like children. One battery opened fire upon the Greeks, who were retreating on the plain of Traves, and did terrible execution. The correspondent of the Associated Press saw some of the Turkish shells burst in the middle of the serried battalion of Greeks, with the result that whole groups were killed or wounded.

Yesterday evening seven new Turkish battalions and several mounted batteries of artillery left for the front, and at dawn the guns were trained on the Greek block house on the plain below. The Turkish commander, Gen. Smolentis, and his men had been twenty-six hours without food or drink. When they were preparing to capture the Greek block house Jones addressed his soldiers, saying: "All those who love God must advance to the assault."

This was enough. Every man, with loud exultant shouts, dashed forward in the direction of the block house. Even the musketeers, who were bringing up the reserve ammunition, joined in the assault on the block house, which was held by the Greeks with magnificent courage. The Turks, with splendid dash, charged with the bayonet and eventually leaped over the ramparts with shouts of triumph. The Greeks waited their approach until the Turks were within thirty yards before withdrawing. In this assault the Turks had only sixteen men killed and seventeen wounded.

Everywhere was to be seen the effect of the Turkish artillery, their terrible shells bursting just at the calculated moment. The Greeks, on the other hand, appeared to be lacking in artillery.

The Greeks attempted to reply to the Turkish artillery, but were forced to retire. The correspondent saw numberless Greek bodies stripped of their uniforms by the Greeks, leaving only their shirts and drawers on. Most of the dead, however, were carried off by the Greeks, who raised the corpses of the Greeks reverently and placed them beneath the shade of trees.

The Turkish losses in the fighting of yesterday were only fifty killed and 150 wounded.

Turks Advancing to Larissa.

Headquarters of the Turkish army in Thessaly, LARISSA, April 20.--The mayor of Larissa has issued a proclamation calling upon all citizens to arm themselves in defence of the country. Every step possible is being taken to defend this place against the Turks, which are reported to have captured the Turkish positions at Larissa. The minister of the interior has issued orders to the prefects throughout the country calling upon them to summon all citizens to arms in defence of Greece now invaded by the Turks. It is reported that the Greeks captured 200 Turkish prisoners at Vigta.

Will Not Affect Crete.

LONDON, April 20.--On good authority the Associated Press is informed that the war between Greece and Turkey will not affect the situation in Crete. The powers have guaranteed the safety of the Mussulman population there will continue their efforts to pacify the island and endow it with autonomy. The officials of the Turkish embassy here

believe that the Greeks will make no great stand until the Turks reach Larissa where the main battle, it is thought, will be fought. This seems probable as Prince Constantin has left Tyrnovo for Larissa.

CUBAN WAR.

Several Minor Engagements Reported. American Importers Interested.

HAVANA, April 20.--The Spanish gunboat Delgado Parejo left here Wednesday for the mouth of the San Juan river, province of Santa Clara, to protect the landing of a detachment of troops, shipped there on board the steamship Gloria, under Gen. Fraiz. The gunboat entered the river on Friday last towing a number of lighters upon which the stores had been embarked. Some distance up the river a boat with a number of insurgents was sighted. The gunboat opened fire upon her, killed four of the insurgents who were thrown overboard by her comrades and wounded a number of others, eventually capturing the surviving insurgents.

Proceeding up the San Juan with the lighters, the gunboat protected the landing of two detachments of troops who destroyed insurgent camps, captured quantities of arms and ammunition and returned with two prisoners and twenty insurgents who had surrendered. The gunboat also captured three boats which had been used by the insurgents in their expeditions.

The Spanish gunboat Sandoval recently landed eighty men near Cape Cruz, province of Santiago de Cuba, routing a force of insurgents there, capturing an insurgent prefecture and a quantity of arms and seizing the valuable salt mines taken possession of by the insurgents in that vicinity. The enemy had previously killed a member of a local guerrilla force who had acted as a guide for the Spaniards.

It is expected that Captain General Weyer will soon leave the city of Santa Clara. The weather remains unsettled and rain is falling almost constantly. La Lucha insists editorially to-day that the contracts made by the Americans for the export of tobacco are fraudulent. It says that the manufacturers' union has proofs that the tobacco in question was not purchased before the issuance of General Weyer's edict prohibiting the exportation, and adds that the government at Washington will be the first to withdraw when convinced that unscrupulous American citizens have imposed upon its good faith.

Premier Canovas, according to the statements of several Havana newspapers, has said that the government considers it expedient to wait for confirmation of the news as to the pacification of Cuba before establishing the promised reforms. The official press argues from this that the date of putting the reforms into effect will not be remote.

AMERICAN SAILORS

Impressed in Cuba Seek Indemnity from Spain.

WASHINGTON, April 20.--Secretary Sherman sent to the senate to-day the correspondence in the case of two American sailors, Gustave Richelleu, of Boston and August Bolton, who asked of Spain \$10,000 indemnity each on account of their imprisonment for three weeks at Santiago de Cuba. The sailors claimed that they were shipwrecked on the coast of Cuba February 16, 1894. After three weeks they were released, one having contracted rheumatism, and the other yellow fever. Spain has twice refused to pay indemnity.

DOUBLE ELECTROCUTION.

Ohio Initiates Its New System of Capital Punishment--The Crimes Reviewed.

COLUMBUS, Ohio, April 21.--The first electrocutions in Ohio took place at 12:45 a. m. in the annex of the Ohio penitentiary, where for the past thirteen years capital punishment has been meted out.

Haas was the first to be electrocuted. He was strapped in the chair at 12:27. When he brought into the electrocution room he closely scrutinized the chair and was pushed into it. The current was turned on for a period of two seconds, three times in succession. As soon as the body of Haas was taken out of the chair Wiley was brought in and at 12:35 he was strapped in the chair. Both electrocutions were eminently successful. The condemned men were very nervous.

The electrocution of William Haas was set for April 8, but owing to the burning out of an armature the electrocution had to be postponed and Governor Bushnell fixed the date so that Haas would be electrocuted on the day set for the electrocution of William Wiley.

Haas and Wiley, the condemned men, passed the day in reading and in religious devotion. At 12 o'clock the morning prayers were read by the chaplain and Governor Bushnell fixed the date so that Haas would be electrocuted on the day set for the electrocution of William Wiley.

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THE NEW TARIFF.

A General Reduction will Mark the Senate's Action.

SUGAR, LEAD ORE AND WOOL

Still Claim the Attention of the Senate Finance Committee--A Modification of the Retrospective Clause Practically Decided Upon--Senator Morgan's Cuban Resolution Passed--First District Postmasters Recommended.

WASHINGTON, April 20.--The presence on the floor of the senate to-day of the members of the Republican subcommittee of the senate finance committee, which is engaged in preparing the tariff bill, was made the basis of much speculation.

The committee is approaching the end of its labors and various senators who are making persistent demands for changes were called upon with a view to arriving at an understanding. Among the problems which are yet unsettled are those relating to sugar, lead ore and wool. Some senators have manifested a disposition to hold out persistently for certain modifications of the schedules referring to these and other articles. The members of the committee, while not indicating their own position or that of the committee, have thought it well to talk these matters over with the complaining senators.

Members of the committee told their colleagues that many reductions have been made from beginning to end of the bill because of a belief on the part of the committee that some of the house rates would be prohibitive. They have listened patiently to advocates of increases, but have granted few of the requests. One of the members said to-day that the bill would be a revenue bill and not a prohibitive bill. The committee practically has agreed upon a modification of the retrospective clause of the Dingley bill, which it is hoped, will be satisfactory to the opponents of the house provision.

The wool men are still pressing for radical changes. The wool-growers are not satisfied with the rates of the Mantic amendment, but want a complete change of classification and still insist that no wools shall be admitted for less than eight cents a pound. While some changes are probable in this schedule, it is quite certain that these demands will not be entirely met.

THE CUBAN QUESTION

Reviewed in the Senate--Agricultural Appropriation Bill Passed.

WASHINGTON April 20.--Senator Morgan's resolution declaring that a state of war exists in Cuba was discussed briefly in the senate to-day and then went over for a week, owing to the absence of Senator Hale, of Maine, who has been active in opposition. Mr. Morgan again urged the speedy deactivation of this country to stay the devastation going on in Cuba. He had just before the committee on foreign relations which presented a shocking condition of affairs in Pinar del Rio. It was morally impossible that the people of the United States should close their eyes to these horrors which were going on in Cuba.

Mr. Morgan went on to say that he expected when this commissioner came back from Cuba another one would go. In the meantime devastation, ruin, cruelty and extermination were going on in Cuba.

Mr. Mason, (Rep. Ill.), offered a resolution directing the committee on rules to report a rule providing for a limited debate and for ordering the previous question. The resolution went over.

The agricultural appropriation bill was then taken up and passed without amendment.

At 1:40 p. m. the senate went into executive session.

At 2 o'clock the senate resumed legislative session and the bankruptcy bill was formally laid before the senate. In the course of the debate, Mr. Allen, (Pop. Neb.), announced that he would obstruct in every way possible any bankruptcy bill which included involuntary bankruptcy.

Mr. Nelson, (Rep. Minn.), amended his substitute bill so as to overcome criticism heretofore made.

Mr. Morgan gave notice that he would seek to secure a test on the pending Nelson substitute by moving at 4 p. m. to-morrow to lay the substitute on the table.

Mr. Bacon, (Dem. Ga.), substituted numerous amendments modifying the stringency of the original bill as applicable to debtors.

A resolution by Mr. Hoar, (Rep. Mass.), was agreed to, requesting the secretary of state for comprehensive information as to the machinery of the government of all foreign nations with which we have diplomatic relations, the taxes or excises and methods of collection; imports and exports; method of adding the merchant marine; discriminations against American merchant vessels; public indebtedness, etc.

Another resolution by Mr. Cullom, (Rep. Ill.), requested the secretary of the treasury for information as to the effect of the present internal revenue tax on the honest production of distilled spirits, to what extent illicit distillation had occurred, and all further information that will aid in protecting the government against frauds. In this connection Mr. Cullom stated that he understood one-third of the high wines produced in this country came from illicit distillation. The resolution went over after a brief discussion.

The senate adjourned at 4:30 p. m.

FIRST DISTRICT OFFICES

Captain Doyner Recommends a Number of New Postmasters.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 20.--Representative Doyner called at the post-office department to-day and filed a recommendation for an appointment of a postmaster at each of the following offices in his district, the commission in every case having expired by limitation or is about to expire: Middlebourne, C. S. Stealey; West Liberty, Margaret J. Dunlap; West Union, A. Bee; Littleton, A. M. Crow; Triadelphia,

U. M. Hervey; Valley Grove, H. Bowman; Honey's Point, George Epples; Bellton, John Crow, the vacancy in this case having been caused by resignation; Adaline, J. N. H. Riggs; Meadville, Tyler county, W. A. F. Smith; Paden's Valley, Miss Annie Stephens; Flatwood, P. L. Curry. In the Paden's Valley case the party originally appointed under President Cleveland stood a relative was appointed in his stead. While Captain Doyner is willing there should be a four-year tenure for each Democratic incumbent, he does not believe in duplication as a means of holding over, and he has asked for a change in that office. Captain Doyner has also decided to recommend J. J. Flannigan for appointment as postmaster at Salem upon the expiration of the commission of the present incumbent, May 1.

GOVERNMENT AID

Requested for Flood Sufferers in North Dakota.

MISSISSIPPI FLOOD

May be Further Increased by a Reported Rise in the Missouri--Drawings Reported as a Result of the Biggs Crevasse. Situation Still Very Grave--Government Boats Detailed for Relief and Rescue Work--Much Destruction Reported.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 20.--Secretary Alger was to-day handed the following telegram by its recipient: PEMBINA, N. D., April 20. Hon. P. Hanenbrough, Washington. The storm of yesterday in connection with the flood has left over two hundred people destitute along the Red river in this county. Aid is needed at once. Can anything be done. Local committee is unable to render sufficient aid. (Signed.) JUDSON LAMOURE.

This news came as a surprise to the war department officials. The officer who had been sent to the Red river country has returned, reporting that there was no call for government aid. As the department has no agent in that section it will communicate directly with the mayor of Pembina and probably authorize him to extend aid to the destitute.

The following report came to-day from the inspecting officer at New Orleans: "I have had interviews with parties represented to me as responsible, only two persons, including men, women and children, are destitute from the overflow in the vicinity of Nestor, on the left bank below the organized levee district and have practically been in that condition for several weeks. It is recommended that rations be shipped to them for three weeks."

The department has already adopted this suggestion.

In view of representations by the army officer at Vicksburg that he is obliged to pay \$350 per day for a relief boat, General Wilson, chief of engineers has directed Major Stickney, the engineer in charge at St. Louis, to put in a bill for the use of the steamers belonging to his department, the Golden Gate and the Alert, and send them to Vicksburg for the use of Lieutenant Crowley. One is wanted for the distribution of relief on the Mississippi between Vicksburg and Greenville and the other is to work along the Mississippi between Vicksburg and their tributaries. As Lieutenant Crowley asked for assistance, General Merritt at New York, has been instructed to detail an officer from Fort Thomas, Ky., and Jackson Barracks, La., for the purpose.

DROWNING REPORTED In the Louisiana Lowlands--Rescue Work Carefully Performed. JACKSON, Miss., April 20.--A special to The Associated Press from Vicksburg, says: News of the deplorable situation in the country back of Coon's Landing, La., where people were reported drowning in a region inaccessible to by steamers, reached here early this morning and Major Willard was at once notified. He took in the situation with the utmost energy and within hours later the United States steamer Vedette with an increased crew and a dozen or more skiffs left for the scene of disaster. Captain Decker with the steamer Florence, arrived at 6 a. m., and confirmed the report which he himself had sent. The back country, where being flooded by the Biggs crevasse, is about forty miles from Vicksburg. The Florence came in loaded with fugitives. She and the Melges have been placed at Lieutenant Crowley's disposal to carry supplies.

The crevasse reported opposite Rodney and at Coon's Landing are unconfined.

New Orleans Unity. NEW ORLEANS, April 20.--The river is 15.9 feet above low water mark this morning and the feeling of uneasiness has nowhere subsided.

Many armed men patrol the levees at night, to prevent the other fellows from cutting them. With three breaks in Louisiana added to those of Mississippi, the situation should be somewhat relieved for the rest of the section, but the crest of the flood wave has been lost somewhere and fear will not abate until gauges show a drop of at least two feet.

A Rise Reported. ST. LOUIS, April 20.--The Mississippi river is rising above St. Louis and the Missouri is also showing a higher stage. At Hannibal, where the river shows a rise of 6.4 feet, Pearl island is again submerged, and Bay Island is also under water. The track of the St. Louis, Keokuk & Northwest railroad is under water, to the depth of two or three inches in some places, above Canton.

Three Lives Lost. NATCHEZ, April 20.--A tale of woe comes from Bayou Videt, in the lower portion of Madison parish. Thomas Blackman, his wife and infant are known to have been drowned and Mr. T. H. Kells came near losing his life in attempting to save them. It is believed others have perished.

THE RIGHT MAN. The Suspected Murderer of Cashier Stickney Confesses. MONTREAL, April 20.--Joseph E. Kelly, suspected of the murder of Joseph A. Stickney, cashier of the Great Falls National Bank, Somersworth, N. H., was captured here last night.

When Kelly arose this morning he sent for Chief Carpenter and made a confession to him to the effect that he had committed the murder and that he had hidden the remainder of the money at St. Clet, which is not far from St. Justine de Newton. The chief then decided to go and find the money and started off with his prisoner and his companions for the early train.

Republican Mayor Elected. OMAHA, Neb., April 20.--Party lines were not sharply drawn, but a semblance of politics was given the election to-day by the fusion of Democrats, Populists and Free Silver Republicans against the Republican nominee. At midnight it was apparent that Frank E. Moore, Republican, is elected mayor over E. E. Howell, fusion, by less than 200.

Weather Forecast for To-day. For West Virginia, fair, followed by increasing clouds and showers Wednesday night; warmer; southerly winds. For Western Pennsylvania, fair; warmer; variable winds, becoming brisk southerly.

For Ohio, fair, followed by increasing clouds, with showers in western portion; warmer; brisk southerly winds. Local Temperature. The temperature yesterday as observed by C. Schenck, district, at Wheeling, was as follows: 7 a. m. 40 5 p. m. 48 9 a. m. 40 3 p. m. 45 12 m. 45 45 Weather--Clear.